

REMARKS

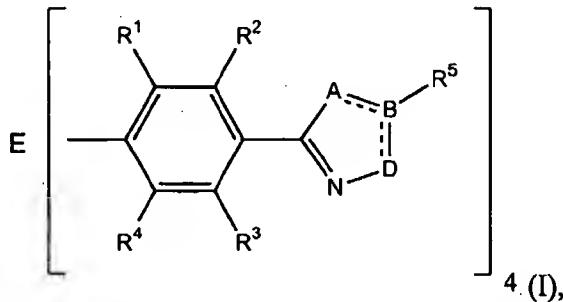
Initially, Applicants notice that the Examiner did not attach to the Office Action an initialed copy of Form 1449, which was filed on February 20, 2002, and respectfully request that this form be initialed and returned.

Applicants have limited claims 1, 4, and 15 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. Support for the amendment can be found in claim 5 and at page 3, lines 9-12 of the Specification. The amendments to claim 1 have necessitated the cancellation of claim 10. Applicants have also corrected a typographical error in claim 15. No new matter has been introduced by the above amendments.

Claims 1-9 and 11-21 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

The Examiner has concluded that claims 9, 11-14, 18, and 20-21 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." See the Office Action, page 3, lines 3-5. On the other hand, the Examiner rejects claims 1-8, 10, 15-17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Oldham, WO 00/03565 ("WO 00/03565"). See the Office Action, page 2, lines 13-14.

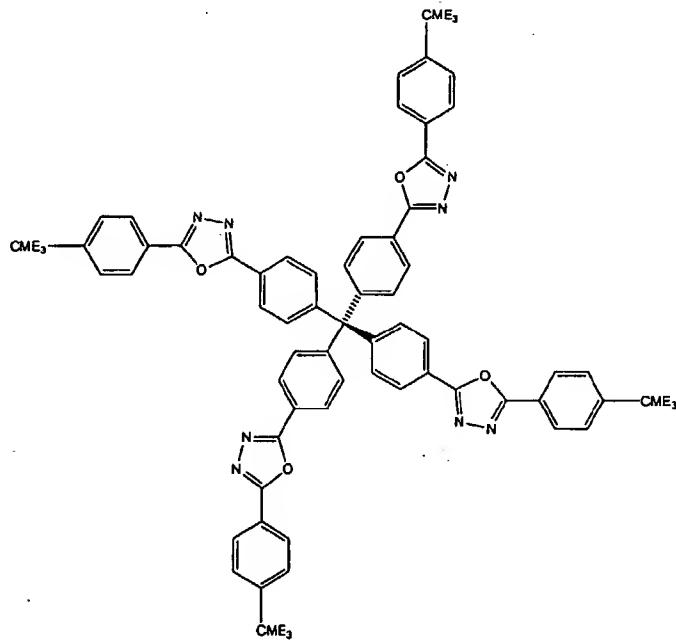
Claims 1 and 15, the only two independent claims, will be discussed first. Amended claim 1 covers a compound of formula (I):



in which R¹⁻⁵, A, B, D, and E are defined in claim 1. More specifically, R⁵ can be alkylaryl in which the alkyl moiety is one or more substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl groups. Amended claim 15 covers an electroluminescence device containing a substrate, a hole transporting layer, an emitting layer, and an electron transporting layer, in which at least one of the hole transporting layer, the emitting layer, and the electron transporting layer includes a compound of formula (I).

The Examiner pointed out that WO 00/03565 discloses "a tetrahedral shaped structure that reads on instant claims 1-8, 10, 15-17, and 19 (see line 15 on page 11)." See the Office Action, page 2, lines 18-19.

WO 00/03565 teaches use of organic compounds containing a tetrahedral shaped core structure in light emitting devices. Specifically, it discloses at page 11, line 15 a compound of the following formula:



In this compound, the oxadiazole group is substituted with 4-*t*-butylphenyl, which corresponds to R⁵ in formula (I). This compound is substantially different from those recited in amended claims 1 and 15. Indeed, the closest group assigned to R⁵ is alkylaryl in which the alkyl moiety is one or more substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl groups, not 4-*t*-butylphenyl.

Thus, amended claims 1 and 15 are not anticipated by WO 00/03565. Neither are claims 2-9, 11-14, and 16-21, all of which depend from claims 1 and 15.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the ground for rejection asserted by the Examiner has been overcome, and that claims 1-9 and 11-21, as pending, define subject matter that is novel. On this

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basis, it is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance, an action of which is requested.

Enclosed is a check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney's Docket No. 08919-053001.

Respectfully submitted,

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